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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, that is a homogeneous solution.

5. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 65:35.

6. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 75:25 and the solubility promoter comprises an organic amine.